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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 MARGARET BOZGOZ, et al.,

11 v.
12 Plaintiffs,

13 YOUSSEF ESSAKHI, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-5832RBL

ORDER

15 THIS MATTER is before the Court on plaintiffs' recent wave of related motions¹:

16 Motion to Recuse [Dkt. #34]; Motion to Vacate [Dkt. #35]; Motion to Amend Judgment [Dkt.
17 #36]; and Motion to Have the Marshall Serve Summons on all Defendants [Dkt. #37]. Each
18 was filed after the operative complaint in this case [Dkt. #1] was dismissed, *without* prejudice.
[Dkt. #29].

19 Pro se plaintiff Margaret Bozgoz attempted to file a complaint (much like she had in
20 superior court) on behalf of a deceased individual's estate, and on behalf of another living
21 individual, even though Bozgoz is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction:

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24 ¹ Most of the Motions are mis-named on CM/ECF. This Order will use the Motions' actual titles.

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2 1. Margaret Bozgoz, Pro-Se litigant and Attorney in Fact for Elda Yockman and
3 Elda Yockman, bring this action in an effort to protect their constitutional rights

4 2. Plaintiff Margaret Bozgoz is the duly appointed Personal Representative of: (a)
5 the Estate of Evalani A. Yockman and (b) Attorney in Fact for the Sole Beneficiary, Elda
6 Yockman, having been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate by Order of the Pierce
7 County Superior Court (**Exhibit, 1, POA**).

8 [Dkt. #1 at 1]. Bozgoz was Ordered to Show Cause why the case should not be dismissed (and
9 was specifically invited to have an attorney appear on behalf of the clients). And though she filed
10 a host of motions and other documents, she did not address (and has not yet addressed) this fatal
11 flaw. There is no “reasonable accommodation” that permits a non-lawyer to represent others in
12 Federal Court—and as Bozgoz well knows, this rule applies in state court, and it applies in the
13 Seattle Division of this Court. Among the many reasons this rule exists is one apparent here: the
14 “client” has no recourse against her non-attorney representative if she commits legal malpractice.

15 The new Motions and the various accusations² within them do not address and do nothing
16 to alter the fact that Bozgoz cannot represent others in this Court. For that reason, and because
17 this case has already been properly dismissed, each Motion is DENIED.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 6th day of March, 2018.

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Ronald B. Leighton

21 Ronald B. Leighton
22 United States District Judge

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24 ² One of the seventeen named defendants worked in this Court some 13 years ago. That is hardly the basis for a claim of prejudice warranting any sort of relief. It most certainly was not the basis for the Court’s unremarkable requirement that Bozgoz be admitted to practice as a prerequisite for representing others in this Court.